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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
MAKOTO MURAMATSU, ET AL. : EXAMINER: B. A. LAMB
SERIAL NO: 10/784,202 :
FILED: FEBRUARY 24, 2004 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1734
FOR: PROCESS LIQUID SUPPLY :
NOZZLE, PROCESS LIQUID SUPPLY
DEVICE AND NOZZLE CLEANING
METHOD

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.181

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Applicant's herein petition the Commissioner to invoke his supervisory authority to require the Examiner to consider the references cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on February 24, 2004.

The Information Disclosure Statement is in conformity with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.97-1.98, and was filed on February 24, 2004. We respectfully request that the Examiner locate the Information Disclosure Statement filed on February 24, 2004, from PAIR.

The references cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on February 24, 2004 were never acknowledged or made of record by the Examiner by the initialing of such prior art on PTO Form-1449.

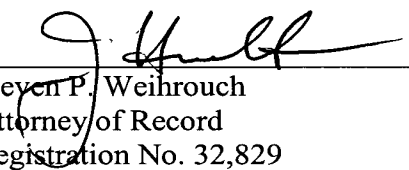
In light of the above, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner be directed to provide Applicant's a copy of the above-noted Form PTO 1449 filed on February 24, 2004, properly initialed by the Examiner in correspondence with the rules.

Respectfully submitted,

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